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CIA links to be probed

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The Senate voted last night to investigate the reported connection of some government officials with the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States and similar agencies of other foreign governments.

It approved unanimously the motion of Sen. Jovito R. Salonga to create a special

Robert Hawley, legal attache of the US embassy, will confer this morning with Justice Secretary Jose Yulo in connection with the department's investigation of government personnel allegedly working for CIA.

Hawley's visit to the justice department was billed officially as a courtesy call but informed sources said he will take up the controversy over local CIA agents with Yulo.

committee of seven members drawn from the ranks of the majority and the minority to look into the matter.

Members of the committee will be named later.

Concern

Salonga presented his motion after delivering a privileged speech in which he expressed concern over

reports that Justice Secretary Jose Yulo has discovered that certain government officials are working for the CIA.

Salonga also took advantage of his privileged speech to deliver a short blast against Yulo for his action on the reports.

"The strange spectacle of a secretary of justice seeking a ruling from his own undersecretary as to whether the reprehensible acts described by him constitute treason does not seem to do justice to this administration that has laid a claim to a mandate not merely for change, but for greatness," he said.

Disturbing

Earlier, Sen. Lorenzo M. Tañada also said in a privileged speech that he found these reports "extremely disturbing."

He said that if Yulo's charge should be established after the hearings, the Senate should urge the government, through a resolution, to lodge a strong protest against the United States government to de-

mand that the activity of such officials working as CIA agents be immediately stopped.

Probe goals

The special Senate committee will try to ascertain the following:

1. Who among the officials of the Philippine government are connected with the CIA or agencies of other foreign governments performing similar functions, and the nature and extent of their connections.

2. How long the practice has been going on.

3. What information has been peddled to the CIA, by whom, and for what purpose.

4. Such other matters as the special committee may deem important for the purpose of remedial legislation.

Mistaken notion

Salonga said that if Yulo's revelation is true, some public officials must have the mistaken notion that what is good for the US is necessarily good for the Philippines.

"I believe that this is a tragic hangover from the Commonwealth era and the liberation period when the only test of loyalty was loyalty to the United States," he said. "It may be well to remind some of our public officials that we have long passed that stage."

Since the Philippines will be negotiating with the United States on many fields, such as bases, trade arrangements, parity rights, and others, Salonga said, the government should appreciate the validity of a general proposition in international politics, that "in foreign affairs, there are no permanent friends, there are no permanent enemies; there are only permanent interests."

The House committee on anti-Filipino activities headed by Rep. Francisco M. Lejaroz (L, Marinduque) yesterday summoned Yulo and Brig. Gen. Ismael Lapuz, NICA director, to testify on the CIA case at a congressional inquiry set for Wednesday next week.